

Amendments to the Claims:

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

We Claim:

1. (Currently amended) Cable connector comprising a housing having a die-cast base substantially extending between a front side and a rear side of said connector characterized by

a die-cast first housing part mounted to said die-cast base such that said die-cast first housing part and a first portion of said die-cast base determine a first cable connector portion at said rear side;

a formed metal sheet ~~formed~~ second housing part mounted to said die-cast base such that said formed metal sheet ~~formed~~ second housing part and a second portion of said die-cast base determine a second cable connector portion at said front side, wherein said front side does not comprise said die-cast first housing part.

2. (Previously presented) Cable connector according to claim 1, wherein said die-cast first housing part is a modular first housing part and said first cable connector portion comprises a ferrule holder portion.

3. (Previously presented) Cable connector according to claim 1, wherein said first cable connector portion comprises a cable entrance opening at said rear side and a shaft outwardly protruding from said first cable connector portion.

4. (Currently amended) Cable connector according to claim 1, wherein said formed metal sheet ~~formed~~ second housing part is a modular second housing part and said second portion of said die-cast base comprises a receiving structure for said second housing part.

5. (Previously presented) Cable connector according to claim 4, wherein the wall thickness of said second portion of said die-cast base is approximately 0.4 - 0.6 mm.

6. (Previously presented) Cable connector according to claim 1, wherein said second cable connector portion comprises an opening at said front side and connecting means located within said second cable connector portion with respect to at least one edge determining said opening.

7. (Currently amended) Cable connector according to claim 1, wherein said second portion of said die cast base comprises a wire management portion and a connecting means ~~portion~~ with reception means adapted for receiving said connecting means.

8. (Currently amended) Cable connector according to claim [[6]] 7, wherein said connecting means comprises one or more connecting blocks, said connecting blocks comprising protrusions and/or holes adapted to cooperate with said reception means.

9. (Previously presented) Cable connector according to claim 8, wherein said connecting means further comprises one or more wafers associated with said connecting blocks, said wafers comprising holes to cooperate with said protrusions and/or said reception means.

10. (Previously presented) Cable connector according to claim 1, wherein said cable connector comprises connecting means at said front side with one or more wafers, said wafers comprising a plurality of signal tracks and/or ground tracks for termination of cable wires.

11. (Previously presented) Cable connector according to claim 9, wherein said wafers comprise a shielding plane on a side opposite to the side of said signal and/or ground tracks.

12. (Previously presented) Cable connector according to claim 1, wherein said die-cast base comprises one or more ridges.

13. (Previously presented) Cable connector according to claim 12, wherein said ridges are located in at least a part of said second portion of said die-cast base extending in an axial direction of said cable connector.

14. (Previously presented) Cable connector according to claim 13, wherein said part of said second portion of said die-cast base is a wire management portion.

15. (Previously presented) Cable connector according to claim 13, wherein at least one of said ridges in the connecting portion of the die-cast base of the cable connector comprises

one or more protrusions extending from said ridge in a direction substantially perpendicular to said axial direction.

16. (Currently amended) Cable connector according to claim 1, wherein said formed metal sheet ~~formed~~ second housing part comprises one or more protrusions for mounting said formed metal sheet ~~formed~~ second housing part to said die-cast first housing part.

17. (Currently amended) Cable connector according to claim 1, wherein said formed metal sheet ~~formed~~ second housing part comprises spring contacts adapted to be received by said first portion of said die-cast base.

18. (Currently amended) Method of assembling a cable to a cable connector according to claim 1, comprising the steps of:

providing a cable having a cable ferrule in said first portion of said die-cast base;

mounting said formed metal sheet ~~formed~~ second housing part to said second portion of said die-cast base;

mounting said die-cast first housing part to said first portion of said die-cast base while clamping protrusions of said formed metal sheet ~~formed~~ second housing part between said cable ferrule and said die-cast first housing part.

19. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 18, further comprising the step of cutting cable wires of said cable to an appropriate length with respect to signal tracks

of one or more wafers of connecting means of said cable connector after positioning said ferrule in said die-cast base.

20. (Previously presented) Method according to claim 19, wherein said cable wires are cut slightly larger than the distance between said ferrule and wire termination parts of said signal tracks.

21. (Currently amended) Formed metal sheet ~~formed~~ housing part ~~of~~ for a cable connector, said formed metal sheet housing part being configured to be connected to said cable connector further comprising a die-cast base substantially extending between a front side and a rear side of said cable connector and a die-cast housing part adapted to be mounted to said die-cast base to form the cable connector, wherein said formed metal sheet ~~formed~~ housing part is adapted to be mounted to said die-cast base and said die-cast housing part, and wherein said formed metal sheet housing part is configured to form a top side of said front side with said die-cast base forming a bottom side of said front side.

22. (Currently amended) Formed metal sheet ~~formed~~ housing part according to claim 21, wherein said part comprises protrusions for mounting said part to said die-cast housing part.

23. (Currently amended) Formed metal sheet ~~formed~~ housing part according to claim 21, wherein said part comprises spring contacts.

24. (Currently amended) Formed metal sheet ~~formed~~ housing part according to claim 21, wherein said housing part has a U-shape.

25. (New) An electrical connector housing comprising:

a die-cast base substantially extending between a front end and a rear end of the connector housing, wherein the die-cast base comprises a front portion and rear portion;

a die-cast first housing part mounted to the die-cast base such that the die-cast first housing part and a first portion of the die-cast base determine a first connector portion at the rear end; and

a formed metal sheet second housing part mounted to the die-cast base such that the formed metal sheet second housing part and a second portion of the die-cast base determine a second connector portion at the front end,

wherein the front end of the connector housing comprises an enclosure formed by the second housing part at least partially forming three side of the enclosure and the front portion of the die-cast base forming a fourth side of the enclosure configured to capture connector blocks therebetween.

26. (New) An electrical connector housing as in claim 25 wherein the first housing part and the base comprise a same material, and the second housing part comprises a material different than the first housing part and the base.

27. (New) An electrical connector housing comprising:

a die-cast base substantially extending between a front end and a rear end of the connector housing, wherein the die-cast base comprises a front portion and rear portion;

a die-cast first housing part mounted to the die-cast base such that the die-cast first housing part and a first portion of the die-cast base at least partially form the rear end; and

a second housing part formed of metal sheet and mounted to the die-cast base such that the second housing part and a second portion of the die-cast base at least partially form the front end,

wherein the connector housing comprises a top side and a bottom side, wherein the top side is formed by the first and second housing parts and does not include the base, and wherein the bottom side is formed by the base and does not include the first and second housing parts.

28. (New) An electrical connector housing as in claim 27 wherein the first housing part and the base comprise a same material, and the second housing part comprises a material different than the first housing part and the base.